

# **Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review**

**Minutes: July 14, 2015**

**The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.**

## **Called to Order:**

**Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.**

## **Roll Call:**

**Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn, Commissioners Filippi, Pearson, Richard, Thornton, Walker and Booth, Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathleen Hague.**

**Absent were and Commissioners Jackson and Sylvester.**

**Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Thornton and seconded by Commissioner Booth to accept the June 23, 2015, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **New Business:**

**APPEAL #150054: Paul Gaudreau appeared for the property located at 678-684 Providence Street, West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State**

**Fire Marshals Matthew Manni and James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system and an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150067: Paul Doyle appeared for the property located at 159 Atlantic Avenue, Westerly. Deputy State Fire Marshal Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Walker, to grant relief provided that each sleeping room maintains an exit directly to the outside and the building is equipped with total detection in all occupied rooms. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150071: Dan Kelly appeared for the property located at 1625 Douglas Avenue, North Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals John Horan and Marc Rizzo appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the North Providence Fire Marshal's Office for items 4, 5 and 7, with additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement that plan. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #150070: David Benevides appeared for the property**

located at 600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence (Donovan Dining Hall). Deputy State Fire Marshal Eric Kiernan appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant a time variance for thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office, with an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement the plan to upgrade the fire alarm system and to install a sprinkler system to the walk-in coolers. The Board also granted the State Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations, amended section 6-2-22, if the Applicant shows a good faith effort. Motion passed (7) to (0) with Commissioner Thornton recusing herself from consideration of this case.

**APPEAL #150065:** Chris Suchman and John Martel appeared for the property located at 484 Hope Street, Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshals Michael Macaruso and Robert Letourneau appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant a time variance for thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office, with an additional one hundred fifty (150) days to implement the plan to install a fire alarm system. The Board also granted the State Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations, amended section 6-2-22, if the Applicant shows a good faith effort. Motion passed (7) to (0) with Commissioner Thornton abstaining.

**APPEAL #150062: William Willet, Wayne Moore and Joseph Watson appeared for the property located at 295 Lloyd Avenue, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Peter McMichael, Richard Vespia and John Devlin appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Pearson, to review and investigate the options of a notification system to get a signal to the Providence Fire Department with an open circuit. Motion passed (5) to (2) with Commissioners Walker and Thornton against. A second motion was made by Commission Thornton, seconded by Commissioners Richard and Walker, to continue this case in sixty (60) days to review Brown's proposal to replace their existing system with a wireless mesh-network system. Motion passed (7) to (0).**

## **Old Business**

**Show Cause for APPEAL #140131: Mark Van Noppen appeared for the property located at 735 Westminster Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal Keith Maine appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to reinstate the previously granted relief and to grant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Providence Fire Marshal's**

**Office, and an additional ninety (90) days to implement the plan. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Rules and Regulations Subcommittee / 2015 Legislation: Executive Director Keith Burlingame stated that the legislative session went into recess without the Board's bill. The Subcommittee may reconvene to formulate a plan of action. We may try to do an early submittal in November 2015 for the next session.**

**Correspondences / Announcements: - None.**

**Open Forum / Public Comment: None.**

**Adjournment: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.**